

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

All of the pending claims are reproduced herein. Per reissue practice (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b,d,&g) and M.P.E.P. §1453(V)(D)), the claims are presented showing additions and deletions relative to the originally issued patent claims. Additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets].

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) An integrally formed roller skate chassis assembly integrated as a unit for attachment of a plurality of skate wheels, said chassis assembly comprising:

an elongate left chassis member and an elongate right chassis member, each chassis member being unitarily formed and having a front region, a back region, and a generally planar lower portion extending through the front and back regions, the left and right chassis members being laterally spaced apart from each other and arranged so that the left and right lower portions lie in substantially parallel planes, the lower portions being adapted so that a plurality of skate wheels are supported therebetween;

one or more web members extending between the left and right chassis members and attached thereto so that the chassis members and one or more web members are integrally attached to one another;

each chassis member having a generally planar upper portion in the front region and a substantially planar upper portion in the back region, the upper portions being positioned substantially above the one or more web members;

a forefoot mount defined above and being supportingly connected to the front upper portions in the front regions of the left and right chassis members, the front upper portions having upper edges integrally attached to the forefoot mount, the forefoot mount being adapted to accomodate attachment of a forefoot portion of a skate boot sole; and

a heel mount defined above and being supportingly connected to the back upper portions in the back regions of the left and right chassis members, the back upper portions having upper edges integrally attached to the heel mount, the heel mount being adapted to accomodate attachment of a heel portion of a skate boot sole;

wherein at least one of the upper portions of each of the chassis members lies in a plane that is inclined between about 60° - 88° relative to the plane of the adjacent planar lower portion and is convergent in an upwardly extending direction with the corresponding planar upper portion of the spaced apart chassis member above said one or more web members.

23. (Previously Presented) The chassis assembly of Claim 22, wherein the upper portions in the back regions of each of the left and right chassis members lie in planes that are inclined relative to their corresponding lower portions, such that said chassis assembly forms substantially an A-frame when viewed in cross section at the back regions of the chassis members.

24. (Previously Presented) The chassis assembly of Claim 22, wherein the upper portions in the front regions of each of the left and right chassis members lie in planes that are inclined relative to their corresponding lower portions, such that said chassis assembly forms substantially an A-frame when viewed in cross section at the front regions of the chassis members.

25. (Previously Presented) The chassis assembly of Claim 22, wherein the chassis assembly has unitary, extruded construction.

26. (Previously Presented) The chassis assembly of Claim 22, wherein the left chassis member, right chassis member and one or more web member are formed separately from one another.

27. (Previously Presented) The chassis assembly of Claim 26, wherein the chassis members are welded to the one or more web member.

28-35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) An integrally-formed roller skate chassis assembly interconnected as a unit for attachment to a skate boot, the chassis assembly comprising:

a forefoot section and a heel section;

a pair of laterally spaced support members spanning the forefoot and heel sections of the chassis, each support member having a substantially planar lower portion, the lower portions being parallel to each other and adapted to receive a plurality of skate wheels therebetween;

at least one web member extending between and attached to the support member lower portions, the at least one web member positioned so as to be between successive wheels;

an upper portion in the forefoot section of each support member, the upper portion extending upwardly from the lower portion and having an upper edge, and a mounting flange extending from and integrally attached to each upper edge, the mounting flange having at least one mount hole; and

an upper portion in the heel section of each support member, at least part of each upper portion being generally planar and lying in a plane that is inclined relative to the lower portion, the upper portion planes being convergent in an upwardly direction above the at least one web member, the upper portion extending upwardly from the lower portion and having an upper edge, and a mounting flange extending from and integrally attached to each upper edge, the mounting flange having at least one mount hole;

wherein in at least one of the heel and forefoot sections, the upper portions are spaced such that a distance between the upper portions is less than a distance between the planar lower portions; and

wherein a line extending between the upper edge of a support member and the intersection of the support member and a web member is angled between about 60-88 degrees relative to horizontal.

37. (Previously Presented) The assembly of Claim 36, wherein in at least one of the heel and forefoot sections, the upper portions are generally inwardly inclined above said one or more web members.

38. (Previously Presented) The assembly of Claim 36, wherein in at least one of the heel and forefoot sections, a distance between the upper portions at their respective upper edges is less than a distance between the support members at or adjacent the at least one web member.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) The assembly of Claim 36, wherein at least one of the upper portions is curved.

41. (Previously Presented) The assembly of Claim 36, wherein the upper portions are substantially planar.

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42. (Previously Presented) The assembly of Claim 36, wherein the support members are formed separately from one another.

43. (Previously Presented) The assembly of Claim 42, wherein the support members and one or more web members are integrally attached to one another.

44. (Previously Presented) The assembly of Claim 36, wherein the chassis has an extruded unibody construction.

45. (Previously Presented) The assembly of Claim 36, wherein in at least one of the heel and forefoot sections, the support members and at least one web member generally form an "A" shape when viewed in cross section.

46-53. (Cancelled)